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Westside Fire Recovery Project Open House Schedule

Yreka, CA – The Klamath National Forest will host community open houses starting January 30 to update the public on the status of the Westside Fire Recovery Project (WFRP).

The Westside Fire Recovery Project encompasses areas that burned in 2014 within the KNF Beaver Fire, Happy Camp Complex, and Whites Fire (a portion of the July Complex) perimeters in the Happy Camp/Oak Knoll and Salmon/Scott River Ranger Districts. The project proposes to treat burned areas to reduce safety hazards to the public, Forest workers, private lands and infrastructure; obtain maximum economic commodity value from burned trees; and increase the likelihood and speed by which burned forested areas regenerate.

“One thing that was very clear from the public meetings we had during and after fire season is that folks are very interested in what will happen with the burned areas,” commented Klamath Forest Supervisor Patricia Grantham. “These open houses are a great chance for people to get updated and to share information that they think is important for the Forest Service to consider as we move through the project.”

Open houses will occur in:

Yreka – Friday, January 30 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Klamath National Forest Headquarters Office

Scott Valley - Saturday, January 31 from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Fort Jones Community Hall

Klamath River - Tuesday, February 3 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Community Center

Happy Camp - Wednesday, February 4 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Karuk Senior Nutrition Center

Scott Bar - Thursday, February 5 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Community Hall

Sawyers Bar - Friday, February 6 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Salmon River Restoration Council

Seiad – Friday, February 6 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Seiad Fire Hall

Although the initial formal comment period (scoping) has closed in order to prepare the analysis, public comments (including anonymous comments) may be submitted and will be accepted at

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any time. Commenter's names and contact information become part of the public record. The next formal comment period will happen in mid-March when the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the project is published. More open houses will happen at that time.

The Project Overview, Detail, Public Comment Reading Room, maps and other information are available on the Klamath National Forest website under "Westside Fire Recovery Project" at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/klamath/home>. Community groups and organizations wishing an update on the project are encouraged to contact their local District Ranger (for the Salmon-Scott Ranger District, Ted McArthur at [\(530\) 468-5351](tel:5304685351), and for the Happy Camp/Oak Knoll Ranger District, Tom Mutz at [\(530\) 493-2243](tel:5304932243)) to schedule.

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